

Millfield Primary School

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The governing body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

1st March 2021

Dear Parents,

Re-opening of School on March 8th- arrangements from then onwards

We look forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Monday March 8th. We expect all children to be in school unless your child is too unwell or is isolating because **a)** a household member is awaiting the outcome of a Covid test or **b)** has tested positive for Covid.

We are constantly reviewing our practice in order to mitigate risk. We would ask that you also play your part in this:

- only 1 adult per family on site at any one time
- to reduce queuing/waiting time please don't arrive at school too early ie not before the gates open where possible
- please leave the site by the designated gate as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child
- please socially distance at all times on the site
- wear a face covering
- once off the school site continue to socially distance - both adults and children

Wow Week and World Book Day

The week of March 8th will be a 'Wow Week' in school with bubbles undertaking a range of different activities. During this week the children will design and make in school their own costumes/accessories linked to a book and we will be having a Book Day here on Friday March 12th - parents do not need to prepare or buy anything.

Do you have children in Reception and/or KS1 and in KS2? Your children will all finish school at 3pm with immediate effect

This has been working well since the start of term for those who have been in school and it will remain in place.

Reception and KS1 children **with a KS2 sibling will end their school day at 3pm**. This is to:

- reduce the number of adults on the main playground and
- to ensure parents don't need to wait on the playground with their older children until 3:15pm when their younger children come out

If this applies to you, please go **straight to the main playground at 3pm** when the gates are unlocked at that time- not before.

- Reception children will be with a member of the reception team and will meet their parents on that main playground by the sheds
- KS1 children with KS2 siblings will be brought out by an adult and handed over to their parent in the usual way
- You will then leave the playground by the Prior Gate exit- please do so promptly.

If your older KS2 child has been used to going home on their own, we will assume they will continue to do the same unless they or you tell us otherwise.

If you have a Nursery age child who finishes at 3pm, collect that child first, then go to the main playground.

This applies to childminders who collect children of Reception/KS1 **and** KS2 age.

All other Reception and KS1 children will finish at 3:15pm as usual.

Breakfast Club (from 8am) and Stay and Play until 5.30pm

These will resume from Monday March 8th as normal. Please remember to book/pay on Parentpay.

Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear

As the children are outside a lot and are also using the field for breaks and lunchtimes, they **MUST** have a suitable coat and sturdy footwear.

Staff Shielding

There are a number of staff shielding as a consequence of recent changes in NHS advice, so you may not hear your child mention or see some members of staff until they are able to return.

Government Advice re Lateral Flow Tests

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Get a test through your employer

- Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

- You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.
- You may need to book an appointment.
- [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#). There are 7 sites across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Collect test kits

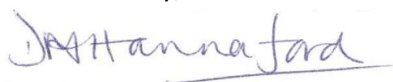
- You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests.
- Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

Order home test kits online

- If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. The online service will be available from 1 March 2021

If circumstances change before Monday March 8th then I shall be in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Principal